

be obdurate, is precisely the position that Japan assumed in the long ago, and which she maintained until some fifty-four or fifty-five years ago. She said, in effect, to the world: "We will not go to you; you shall not come to us." And she had no navy and not much of an army. But that did not insure her peace. A Christian nation, even our own, went there with fighting ships and with shotted guns to enforce a demand that she should give up her isolation and enter into social and commercial relations with the outside world. Now suppose our ships burned, the little nucleus of an army which we have disbanded, the swords beaten into ploughshares and the guns into pruning hooks, and then we should have a misunderstanding with Japan; The Hague congress should decide against Japan; she should refuse to accept the decision, and we should try Dr. Abbott's prescription for bringing her to terms, what would happen? How long before Japan would have San Francisco, Portland and Seattle under her guns?

Or suppose it should be Great Britain that was determined to appeal from the decision, how long would Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington be safe?

The doctrine that Dr. Abbott preaches is the very highest, but Jesus Christ was preaching and practicing that very doctrine when the men around him who had seen him still a stormy sea and raise the dead, crucified him. The wild beast in the human heart may some time be tamed; it is not yet.

How Jamestown Was Settled.

We find in some old records a description of London at the time John Smith sailed for Virginia. Even then the city was a metropolis for Wales, Scotland and Ireland. There were many little manufactories, such as vintners, drapers, goldsmiths, haberdashers, tailors, clothiers, ironmongers and others.

But it was already a rendezvous for idle rich men, needy adventurers, discharged sailors and soldiers, poets, playwrights, actors and rougher ones. Immense amounts of sack were drunk.

The fever of speculation was running high and when the beauties and supposed treasures of Virginia were discussed in the taverns, it is not

strange that there were plenty of people who wanted to help make up the first colony.

Spain and Portugal had occupied the southland from Florida to Patagonia but had made no settlements north. Then Spain's great armada had been destroyed, Drake had circumnavigated the earth—England was all ready for a grand expansion.

The same records have a play which was being performed at the time in London. An extract will give an idea of it. Captain Seagull is telling of Virginia. It reads like one of Fisher Harris' fish stories:

Captain Seagull—"All the prisoners they take are fettered in gold; and for rubies and diamonds, they goe forth on holy days and gather them by the seashore to hang on their children's coats and stick in their cappe as commonly as our children wear Saffron quilt brooches and groates with hoales in 'hem."

Scapethrift: "And is it a pleasant countrie withall?"

Seagull: "As ever the sun shined on; temperate and full of all sorts of excellent viands: wild boare is as common as our tamest bacon is here; venison as mutton. And then you shall live freely there, without sargeants, or courtiers, or lawyers, or intelligenus. Then for your means of advancement there, it is simple and not preposterously mixt. You may be aldermen there and never a scavenger; you may be a nobleman and never a slave."

Spendall: "Gods me! And how farre is it thither?"

Seagull: "Some six weeks sayle. No more with any indifferent winde."

Is it any wonder the wild spirits in London wanted to go?

They had a sorry experience, but they did live freely there "without sargeants or courtiers," but they had some lawyers after a while. Shade of Patrick Henry, did they not?

A shoe salesman says the public would be surprised to know how many well dressed women wear stockings with holes in them. As the statement has never been corroborated by muddy day street crossing inspectors you must take it for what you think it worth.

SALT AIR.

Editor Goodwin's Weekly:

In your edition of this morning, page 3, I find a reference to "The Saltair Management," which is so grossly untrue that I take the liberty of calling your attention to the following:

First: You say, "In the first place, no one can get into the pavilion without pay." This probably refers to the dancing floor, as everybody knows the main pavilion is free. The dancing pavilion is also free during the afternoon. In the evening, a charge of ten cents is made, and any one can go out and in as he chooses, by getting a pass-out check which is entirely free.

Second: We are sure that your slander of the orchestra came from someone who did not have the least comprehension or appreciation of good dancing music. We are willing, however, to leave that matter to the judgment of the dancing public.

Third: Regarding bathing suits, there is no fifty-cent charge for any bathing suit, and there never has been. Bathing suits are kept in first class shape, as they have been in past years, and are free to those who pay twenty-five cents for the use of a room. By special request, we have had a few bathing suits made to order, which we rent for twenty-five cents each. Where people own their suits, we take care of such suits for them without any charge. A first class laundry has been installed this year for the first time, so that all suits are cleaned and kept in better shape than ever before, and no suit is allowed to be placed on the shelf for use again which has not previously been overhauled and found whole and free from rents.

In order to better care for the public, the management has spent during the past few months, in equipment and improvements, \$45,000, and other parties have added in concessions about \$30,000.

Your information must, certainly, have come from a consummate kicker, from a diseased imagination, or from someone who had an interest in injuring the resort.

Kindly pay Saltair a visit, and write us up as you find us.

Respectfully,

JOS. NELSON,
President.

Salt Lake, June 8th, 1907.

We are glad to publish the foregoing.

When referred to our informant, the following reply was handed in:

"Of course I meant the dancing floor of the pavilion, the only place that people visit to view the scenery and to watch the dancers, for many



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